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## City of San Diego Residential



### OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION REBATE APPLICATION for Grass Replacement & Micro-Irrigation

**(Replacement of grass with ARTIFICIAL TURF is NOT eligible for this program)**

Please visit [SoCalWaterSmart.com](http://SoCalWaterSmart.com) to determine if you qualify for an additional rebate.

- In order to participate in the rebate program and **PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION**, customers **MUST FIRST** review the [Grass Replacement Rebate Guidelines](#) and/or the [Micro Irrigation Rebate Guidelines](#).
- Rebates are available for properties within the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department service area.
- Renters may be eligible for rebates with written consent of property owner. Renter's name must be on water bill.
- Rebate estimated in the application shows amount possible based on information entered. Actual rebate amount will be calculated from supporting documents provided by customer showing eligible project costs. Rebate will be the lower of the two: total eligible costs for the project or the stated maximum total dollar amount per customer rebate.
- Original **paid** receipts and/or invoices must be submitted to receive a rebate. Receipts must display separately: eligible labor costs; materials cost (excluding tools); and taxes, fees and tariffs.
- Rebate checks will be sent in the US mail to the customer of record 6-8 weeks after application is deemed complete and post-installation site visit is successfully completed.
- The City of San Diego is not responsible for any taxes, fees, or tariffs that may be imposed as a result of rebate-related purchases or work performed.

Funding for rebates is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Program requirements are subject to change without prior notification.

#### APPLICANT & SITE INFORMATION

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Customer to receive rebate) Last Name First Name

**Property address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Zip Code

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Where rebate check will be sent) Street Address, Apt.#, P.O Box Zip Code

**Telephone #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary # Alternate #

**Water Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Located on City of San Diego Water Bill)

**Are you the property owner?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**How did you hear about the rebate program?**

☐ City's website: ☐ City Publication: ☐ Water Bill Insert: ☐ Community Event: ☐ Friend: ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to be included on a City of San Diego Public Utilities email list to receive periodic news about water conservation?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

CHECK BOX FOR REBATE(S) YOU ARE APPLYING FOR AND PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION:

☐ **Grass Removal Rebate:** \$2 per Square Feet (SF) of grass replaced by water wise landscape (minimum 400 SF and up to 2,400 SF) Maximum rebate amount is \$4,800.

Total SF of turf grass to be removed and replaced with water wise landscaping (not including artificial turf):

**FRONT YARD** \_\_\_\_\_ SF + **SIDE YARD** \_\_\_\_\_ SF + **BACK YARD** \_\_\_\_\_ SF = **TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_ SF x **\$2** =  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (estimated rebate amount)

**Have you applied for a Grass Removal Rebate for this site before?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, through which Program?**

☐ City of San Diego ☐ San Diego County Water Authority's Turf Replacement Program

☐ SoCalWaterSmart Rebate Program ☐ Other: Please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Micro-Irrigation Rebate:** \$0.30 per SF (minimum 400 SF and up to 3,000 SF) of area converted from overhead spray irrigation to micro-irrigation. Maximum rebate amount is \$900 per site.

**Grass Replacement area converted** \_\_\_\_\_ SF + **Planter/flowerbed/vegetable garden areas converted**  
\_\_\_\_\_ SF = \_\_\_\_\_ SF x \$0.30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (estimated rebate amount)

**Type of low application rate micro irrigation to be installed:**

☐ Drip ☐ Micro spray ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### You are not yet approved to start your project - Next Steps:

1. **Confirmation email:** You will get an email or phone call with a project reference number from the City of San Diego Water Conservation Program confirming that your application was received. **This is not approval to begin your project.** If you do not get an email or phone reply from the City within 10 business days, please e-mail [waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov](mailto:waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov) or call 619-533-4126.
2. **Pre-site visit:** Once your application is deemed complete, a scheduler will contact you to set up a pre-site visit (must occur before you begin your project). Qualification to participate in the rebate program will be determined at this site visit. If you qualify, you will be given a project start date. Project must be completed within 120 days following the pre-site inspection. Please call 619-533-4126 to request an expedited pre-site visit (done on a case by case basis) or alternative way to qualify.
3. **Follow the guidelines:** Once approved to start the project, please follow all requirements outlined in the Grass Replacement and/or Micro Irrigation Rebate.
4. **Post-site visit:** A site inspection after the project is complete will verify the area eligible for the rebate.

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## Customer Agreement – City of San Diego Grass Replacement and/or Micro Irrigation Rebate Program

### Terms and Conditions

I, the undersigned, understand that this is a limited, first come, first served program, that rebates are given only for projects which have applications that are approved and adhere to the Grass Replacement and/or Micro Irrigation Rebate Program Guidelines, and that the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department can deny any application that does not meet program requirements (which can change without notification). I have voluntarily determined to participate in the City of San Diego's Grass Replacement and Micro Irrigation Rebates and understand that no rebate will exceed the cost of the item purchased or exceed the stated maximum total dollar amount per customer rebate (the lesser of the two.) I understand that my Public Utilities account must be in good standing to receive a rebate check. I agree that all work performed will comply with applicable state and local laws, ordinances, and regulations. If this application is approved, I agree that Public Utilities Water Conservation staff can conduct a water conservation survey/pre-site inspection, a post-installation site visit at my property, and verify that the project has been and maintained according to program guidelines and requirements.

I understand that installation of devices and material are my responsibility, as is determination of the adequacy and compatibility of the existing irrigation system. Grass replacement and micro irrigation conversion projects must be installed within the Public Utilities service area to be eligible for a rebate. I understand that with the post-installation visit, Public Utilities makes no determination with respect to choice, quality or suitability of workmanship, materials or equipment. I acknowledge that installation of irrigation equipment or landscape materials may not result in lower water bills, and that rebates do not apply to artificial turf, lighting, fences, walls, tools, tariffs and sales tax charge. Please consult with a tax advisor if you have questions regarding any potential tax implications of your rebate.

I understand that project site shall be available for future inspection and monitoring by Public Utilities and that water wise landscape must be maintained for a minimum of 5 years. Photos of the project may be taken by Public Utilities staff to illustrate transitions from thirsty landscapes to attractive, water wise landscapes. Addresses to project sites participating in the rebate program will be available to the public. Customer names will not be made public or associated with the site address. I understand that Public Utilities is not responsible for items lost or destroyed in the mail/transit.

If this application is approved by Public Utilities and the work proceeds, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Public Utilities, its agents and employees against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, suits and damages, including attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the installation of irrigation and landscape materials and equipment.

If participating in the Grass Replacement rebate, I agree to comply with the program requirements of installing only moderate to very low water using plants in the project area that are not invasive (according to the California Invasive Plant Council) and will cover a minimum of 25% of the project area when mature. I agree that I must make one or more upgrades or changes to my irrigation system in the project area, as listed in the Grass Replacement Rebate Guidelines. I understand that if program requirements are not met, City staff can deny or provide partial rebate amount for the project site.

I acknowledge that by participating in the City's Grass Replacement Rebate I cannot also participate in the San Diego County Water Authority's Turf Replacement Rebate Program for the same project area.

**By signing below I am agreeing to the above conditions:**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner signature (if different than applicant):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Application must be signed by water account holder and/or property owner. Please keep copies of all submittals.

**E-mail completed application to:** [waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov](mailto:waterconservationrebates@sandiego.gov) or

**Mail to:**

**City of San Diego Public Utilities Department  
Attn: Outdoor Water Conservation Rebates  
525 B Street, Suite 300  
San Diego, CA 92101**



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